Statement

Unfilled vacancies as on 1.1.1993

Class	SC	ST
IFS	Nil	Nil
Class I [Grade I] of IFS [B]	Nil	3
Class II	13	14
Class III	18	7
Class IV	Nil	Nil

Backlog of vacancies as on 29.8.1997

Class	SC	ST
IFS	Nil	Nil
Class I [Grade I] of IFS [B]	2	6
Class II	16	59
Class III	6	4
Class IV	Nil	Nil

Humiliation of Indian Workers Outside the Country

4923. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that highly skilled workers from India are lured to different countries including US and then treated like slaves;

(b) whether some highly skilled personnel have been hand-cuffed and humiliated for simple technicalities in countries like US;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to avoid any humiliation to Indians outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Highly skilled professionals from India generally fare very well in the US. There was a case of Indian computer professionals who were arrested in Taxas in January 2000 by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service of USA, for alleged violation of their employment terms under the H1-B visa, by working for a company other than the one listed on their labour certificates. They were released the next day after the company that hired them - M/s Frontier Consulting Inc. executed bonds for their release. All charges against the Indian profesionals were subsequently dropped.

(d) The Ambassador of India in Washington lodged a strong protest with the State Department as well as with the Immigration and Naturalisation Service over the arrest of the Indian nationals. The Assistant Secretary of the State Department expressed deep regret on the incident on behalf of the US Governmnet.

Check on Cyber Crime

4924. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the proposed Information Technology Bill, 2000 will not be able to check the Cyber Crimes in India;

(b) if so, what steps Government are going to take to check the Cyber Crime;

(c) whether Government are planning to set up a study group to know the tackling of the Cyber Crimes in the other parts of the world;

(d) if so, the details of the study group and the focal points of the study; and

(e) if not, how Government would plan to check the Cyber Crimes in India?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (e) The Government introduce Information Technology Bill, 1999 in the Lok Sabha on 16.12.1999. The Bill provides for legal recognition of transactions carried out by means of Electronics Data Interchange and other means of Electronic Communication, commonly referred to as "Electronics Commerce". The Bill provides for penalty and compensation to prevent computer misuse and computer crime. The legislation